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LAND MANAGEMENT
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether scrutiny of records by the Union Government have revealed that StateGovernments have accorded low priority to land management which includes soil and moisture conservation resulting in decline in agricultural production;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the remedial steps the Union Government propose to take in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) to (c): No Sir. There is no evidence available in the Ministry of Agriculture whichsuggests that State Governments have accorded low priority to land management including soil and water conservation resulting into possible decline in agricultural productivity. The State Governments are implementing various Centrally SponsoredSchemes related to soil and water conservation to improve the productivity of degraded lands and wastelands, such as

1) National Watershed Development Project in Rainfed Areas

2) Soil Conservation for Enhancing Productivity in the degraded watersheds in theRiver Valley Projects (RVP) & Flood Prone Rivers (FPR)

3) Watershed Development Project in Shifting Cultivation Areas in North-Eastern Region

4) Reclamation of Alkali Soil

5) Integrated Wasteland Development Project

6) Drought Prone Areas Programme

7) Desert Development Programme.